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ATTACHMENT FOR: Acting Chief, DDP-DEV/P

SUBJECT: Additional Funding for the IDEALIST Program

1. Returned for your consideration is the IDEALIST Activity Program (IDPA 0168) to cover additional funding for the remainder of FY 1961. In essence this program is a reinstatement of the one that was cut off in May 1960. During the period May through October 1960 there was no technical activity in the EINSTEIN field and consequently only limited expenditure. Similarly, since the future was somewhat cloudy, there was no firm ground on which to base an argument against the drastic budget reduction which took place. Now that we are again in business, it is necessary to get the machinery in top operating condition. This requirement is brought about by referring to the operation of the equipment on the last two stagings. On the one out of Del Rio the performance of the System VI and III was extremely poor. On the repeat one out of [redacted] both systems performed excellently. Much of the credit for the improved performance can be given to two System III units, recorders, and System VI components that had been given 20%E, plus a new [redacted] preamplifier and power supply, all of which went into articles which had received some of the wiring modifications proposed in the re-engineered standardized installation.

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2. Another important facet of this program of standardized installation is the means for rapid equipment installation and removal. This capability is not available on present articles; however, the reduction in technical manpower at the Detachments can benefit upon having this "quick disconnect" capability.

3. Attached is a copy of the contractor's letter, dated 26 January 1961, in two parts, Part I which outlines the logistics support for the first half of FY 1961, and Part II which outlines the budget estimates for the second half of the year. Since we are

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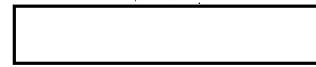
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now well into the second half of the fiscal year, the contractor's funds are running out inspite of restricted financial re-trenchment during the period.

4. In view of the requirements for equipment IBAB, for the re-engineered installation, and for continued maintenance and repair, it is recommended that the proposed Activity Program be approved.

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